

Children's Services Growth Proposals

1. £1,271,000 - Travelcare and Support demand led pressure

Officers have assessed that the proposed budget growth will have a positive impact on groups that share protected characteristics and in particular age and disability, allowing the Council to continue to respond to growing demands and meet its obligations under published travel care policies.

2. £260,000 - Development of Family Hubs

Officers have assessed that the proposed budget growth will have a positive impact on groups that share protected characteristics, making it simpler for families to access a wide range of council services. The hubs will allow the council and its partners to support all children and young people from pre-birth to adulthood, and their families, through earlier intervention. Family Hubs act as a single point of access to help families navigate and receive the support they need when they need it.

Childrens Services Savings Proposals

1. £325,000 - Children and Young Peoples Services Placement Income Generation

It is expected that these proposals will have a neutral impact on groups that share with protected characteristics as there will be no impact/change to placements for children and young people as a result of this increased income target.

2. £100,000 - Client Related Non-Placement Spend

It is expected that there will be a neutral impact for groups that share protected characteristics. Those children and young people who continue to require non-placement packages of support will continue to receive these. Efficiencies and step-down opportunities will be accompanied by an Equality Impact Assessment to identify any potential impact. They will only be implemented where it is deemed appropriate and not expected to have a detrimental impact on children and young people and their families.

3. £100,000 - Post 19 Housing Pathway

It is expected that this proposal will have a neutral impact on groups that share protected characteristics. There is a clear pathway to independence, providing young people with substantial support including key worker, social care and housing support. Young people will only be moved on when deemed appropriate and will require approval at Housing Panel which considers young people's individual needs. This is because additional floating support will be

provided to post 19 care leavers to ensure that their transition into the Housing pathway is successful and to encourage independence.

4. £900,000 - Redesign of holiday food provision

It is expected that the proposals will have a positive impact on groups that share protected characteristics. Residents will be supported through alternative holiday food provision alongside the existing Holiday Activities and Food Scheme. Residents will also be able to access the council's cost of living services as well as support through council supported third sector partners offering food support.

5. £137,000 - Early Intervention Commissioning

It is proposed to align the budget to the current contracted arrangements following the procurement of Early Intervention Services in 2022/23.

It is furthermore proposed to change a funding stream for Virtual Reality Workforce Development training to release General Fund savings.

Neither proposal will impact on groups with shared protected characteristics.